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Application Number	09/858,279
Filing Date	May 15, 2001
First Named Inventor	Kirkland
Art Unit	1645
Examiner Name	J. A. Hines
Attorney Docket Number	TSRI 372.0 D2

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

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The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to

a. ☒ Deposit Account No. 19-0962

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) : 02/04/2004 BABRAHA1 00000098 09858279

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) : 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 880.00 enclosed

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature	<i>Michael J. McCarthy</i>	Date	January 27, 2004

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IMMUNOREACTIVE WITH)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) herewith under 37 CFR 1.114. Also enclosed is a Petition for a one month extension of time and a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of that Petition. In connection with this RCE, Applicant requests that the following amendments be entered:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.